



Adopt A Channel













Huntington Beach Environmental Board Meeting
Huntington Beach Central Library
June 22, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Overview of Today's Presentation

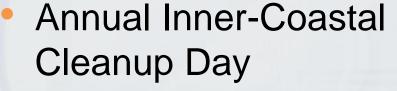
- Genesis of the Adopt A Channel Program
- Disneyland Resort Pilot Adoption
- Countywide Channel Adoption Program
- Adoption Process
- Benefits of Being an Adopter
- Current Adopters
- → GIS Story Map/Program Next Steps





Genesis of Adopt A Channel

Over the last decade, public interest in beach, creek, and channel cleanup events has continued to grow in Orange County



Annual Earth Day Cleanup Events

Universities, High Schools, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops... all wanting to clean our channels!





Genesis of Adopt A Channel (Cont.)

Municipal Programs

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits call for the removal of pollutants from stormwater discharges by municipalities
 - Catch basin and channel cleaning
 - Street sweeping
 - Trash removal from trash booms, screens and other structural devices









Genesis of Adopt A Channel (Cont.)

Municipal Programs

Graffiti removal to improve physical appearance of bridges, channels and other public right-of-









Genesis of Adopt A Channel (Cont.)

- OC Public Works operates and maintains more than 380 miles of regional and sub-regional flood control channels
- → The cleaning of these channels and associated storm drains requires significant resources at a considerable expense (over 2 million dollars in FY 2014-15)
- New statewide trash regulations are expected to result in additional Best Management Practice (BMP) measures and maintenance efforts to prevent and address trash in the County's channels and storm drains





Disneyland Resort Pilot Adoption



Disneyland Resort Pilot Adoption (Cont.)

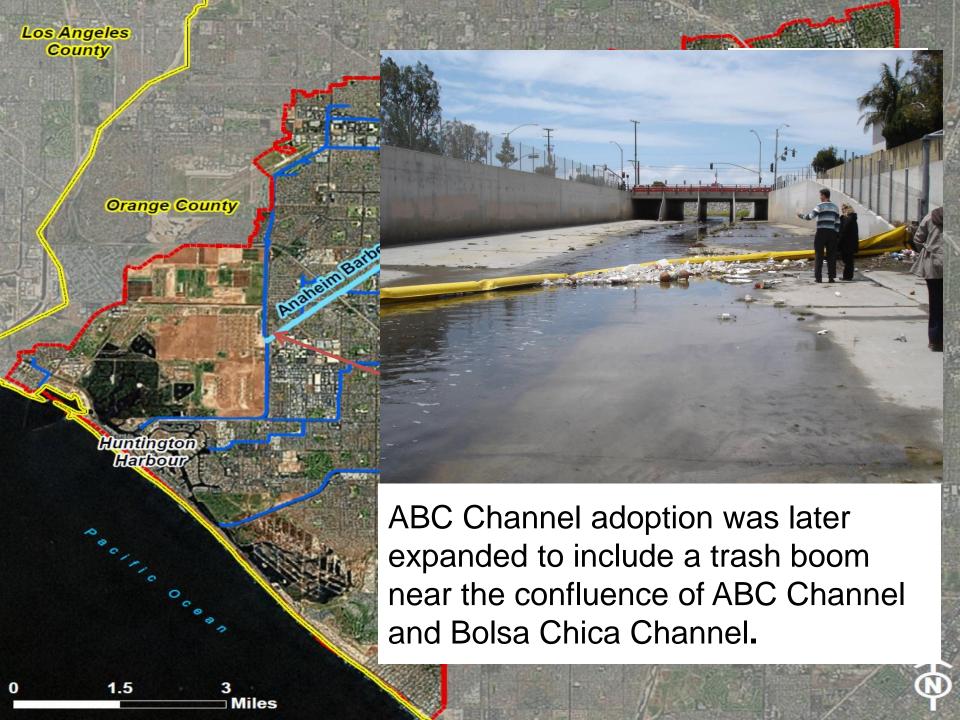
- June 2012 County Board of Supervisors approved pilot adoption of ~2 miles of ABC Channel by Disneyland Resort
- Disneyland hires Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC) to carryout cleanup tasks, including weekly inspection, trash removal and graffiti abatement
 - First 6 months
 - 402 lbs. of trash/debris removed
 - 5,480 ft² of graffiti abated
 - 2013-14
 - 1,310 lbs. of trash/debris removed
 - 577 ft² of graffiti abated





Disneyland Resort Pilot Adoption (Cont.)





Disneyland Resort Pilot Adoption (Cont.)

- Pilot Adoption Findings (Huge Success!)
 - Increased frequency of channel cleaning had far reaching benefits
 - As graffiti was painted over on a timelier basis, artists did not return resulting in not only less graffiti but also less trash
 - Adoption also allowed County crews to focus limited resources on other problematic channel reaches
 - Potential other benefits as a cleaner channel and signage is believed to not only increase awareness to keeping our channels clean but change public perception





Countywide Adoption Program

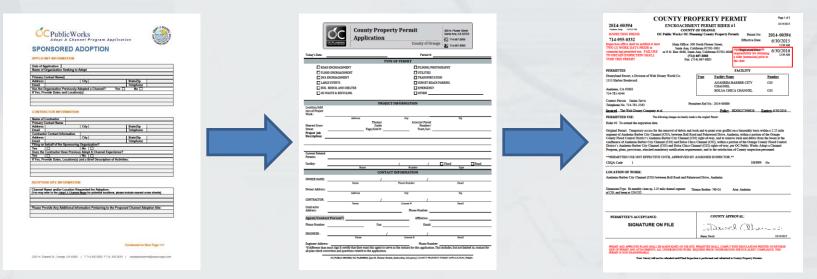
- → Following the successful 2-year pilot adoption, the County Board of Supervisors approved a countywide Adopt A Channel Program in December 2014
- Over 17 miles of channel have now been adopted by 9 local businesses, agencies, organizations, and individuals
- → As of April 2016 over 8,900 lbs. of trash and debris and 42,000 ft² of graffiti had been removed from Orange County channels through Adopt A Channel



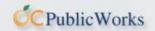


Adoption Process

- Adopter determines "Sponsored" vs. "Volunteer" Adoption; submits Program Application
- Reviewed by County Departments; creation of County Property Permit Application
- Issuance of 1-year County Property Permit





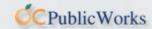


Adoption Process (Cont.)

Sponsored Adoption

- Adopter hires an approved Contractor to perform Adoption tasks, including regularlyscheduled inspections and clean-up of the Adoption Site
- Sponsored Adopters must provide proof of minimum liability coverage
- Typical Sponsored Adoptions are corporations or large, well-established nonprofit groups





Adoption Process (Cont.)

Volunteer Adoption

- Adopter performs Adoption Tasks using the Adopter's own forces. This could include employees of the Adopter; members of a non-profit group; or an individual and their family and friends
- Adopter is responsible for carrying out regularly scheduled inspections
- Volunteers are required to complete a County waiver of liability form EVERY time they perform work in the channel





Adoption Process - Adoptable Facilities



Benefits of Being an Adopter

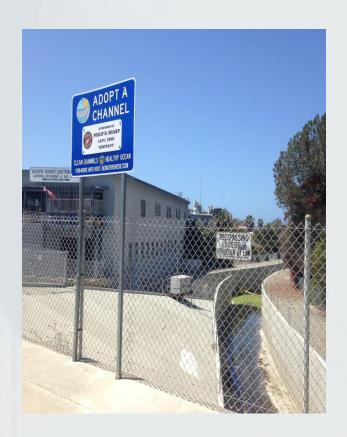
- → Signage
 - Akin to Adopt-A-Highway
 - Signs placed at publicly visible locations
 - Community Stewardship
- Use of Adopt A Channel logo on correspondence
 - Demonstrate organizational support of Program on letters, email, social media, etc.
- Website recognition
 - Dedicated Adopt A Channel webpage/Story Map identifying Adopters

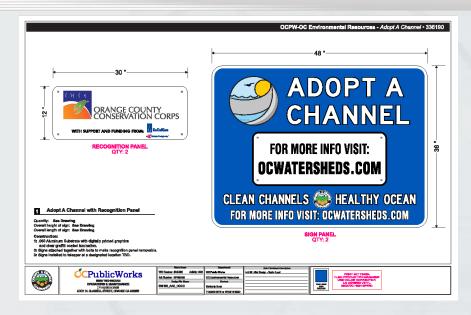




Benefits of Being an Adopter (cont.)

Recognition Signs











Benefits of Being an Adopter (Cont.)

 Use of licensed Adopt A Channel iconography created by Wyland







Current Adopters

- Disneyland Resort
- Bolsa Chica Conservancy
- The Sharp Family
- Orange County Conservation Corps
- The Ranch at Laguna Beach
- Tetra Tech, Inc.
- Regent Association Services
- Yorba Linda Sunshine Rotary
- Orange County Water District







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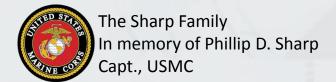




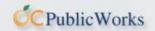












Adopt A Channel Webpage/Story Map

County of Orange





Adopt A Channel

Flood control channels provide a vital service protecting life and property by conveying stormwater runoff to prevent flooding of nearby communities. Along with controlling stormwater runoff, these channels also collect trash and debris and are subject to graffiti. The main objectives of the Adopt A Channel Program are to improve the physical appearance of these channels and to increase awareness and commitment to keep our channels, creeks, bays and ocean clean. Adoption provides community stewardship for these important resources, and in return, Adopters are recognized for their contributions through signage and other means.



Benefits of Channel Adoption

Helping the Environment

Each Adopter has the opportunity to positively impact our waterways by further improving water quality in our channels and creeks providing a healthier habitat for wildlife and helping to ensure that our has they are least and self to review to

Community Investmen

Adopters set an example for other organizations, businesses, and residents within the community to







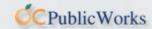


Program Awards

 "Innovation in Environmental Stewardship" awarded to OC Public Works and Disneyland Resort for launching the Adopt A Channel Program (Orange County Conservation Corps, November 2015)



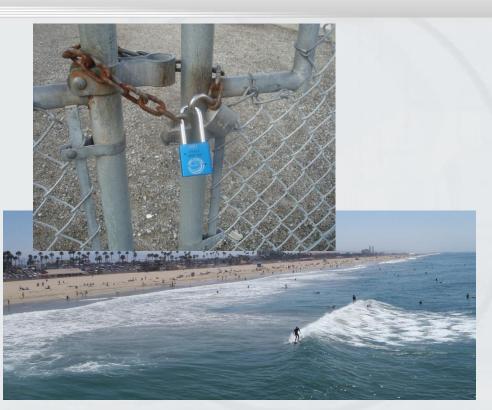




OC Public Works - Adopt A Channel







Thank You

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